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SUBJECT: SINGAPORE TO AMEND STRATEGIC GOODS ACT

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1. (U) The GOS introduced the Strategic Goods Control Bill in Parliament on August 27. If passed, the Bill would amend the Strategic Goods Control Act to include dual-use goods and technologies. The Bill also introduces amendments regulating strategic goods that transit Singapore and the brokering of strategic goods. The Bill must undergo two more readings and then be approved by the President (a formality) before it is enacted. The proposed amendments are part of efforts to expand Singapore's Strategic Goods Control List (reftel), according to a Customs official. MFA told us separately that the control list expansion might also require amendments to the Chemical Weapons Prohibition Act.

2. (U) The full text of the legislation may be viewed at:

http://www.egazette.com.sg/Document/bs/2007/0_70035.pdf

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